

'I WANT NUMBER 3421'

"I want license number 3421" are familiar words every spring when the new car plates go on sale in Brazos County.

The people who are selling the plates aren't at all surprised either because they know that P. L. (Pinky) Downs is doing the talking.

Pinky has a very special reason for liking this particular set of numbers because they indicate the score that the Aggies beat Texas in 1956.

Every year since, Pinky has gotten the same number and as the letter prefix changed, he would always have a suitable saying for it.

For example in 1957 the plates were TM 3421 and Pinky put on his

thinking cap to come out with Texas, Memoria for his yearly motto.

In 1958 the numbers were still the same, but the letters were TT and the caption was Top Texas.

Pinky says 1959's number was the easiest of all since it was TU and couldn't have been anything except Texas University.

This year the prefix was TN. That almost stumped Pinky completely, but after much pondering came out with Tower Numb which he said indicated the tower at Texas wouldn't be lighted.

So, anytime there's a car on the A&M campus with a Texas license 3421 on it—it's Pinky's.



... Powell Berry

... Jack Estes



... Wayne Labar

... Don McClelland

THE BATTALION

Seniors End Career With Only a Dozen

College Eligibility Comes To a Halt

Only twelve remain, which is one less man than last year's 13-man squad of seniors who finished the college eligibility.

These 12 have survived injuries, scholastic deficiency as well as other pitfalls handed out by four years of college football.

Four years ago these men were only a handful in a 50-man plus squad that has dwindled as the years rolled by.

This 1960 team of seniors came a year late to see an Aggie team defeat the Texas Longhorns as they were still seniors in high school when Texas fell the first time in Memorial Stadium, 34-21.

Not only have they never seen an Aggie victory over Texas, they've never had the satisfaction of enjoying a winning season.

In 1958 they saw themselves tied for fifth place in the conference; 1959 was a black year as they finished in the seventh place cellar; and at present are holding down a sixth place spot.

However, this three-year span doesn't reflect an era of total defeat as has well been illustrated this year. These wary Cadets have

been instrumental in chalking up three conference ties which is a school record. Although these ties haven't put any marks in the win column, they look much better than defeats and show that they're just as good as the rest of the teams.

As this even dozen put on their uniforms Thursday, they will take it upon themselves as well as the rest of the team, to break the three-year jinx and "Beat the Hell Out of TU."

The 1960 seniors:

Roy Northrup—Senior and starting center, Roy is the team captain and leader. Northrup, who is constantly being teased about his "bird legs," has started the last two years. He will earn his third letter this season.

Powell Berry—Hails from Snyder and also is a three-year letterman. Co-Captain and quarterback, Powell is most indispensable to the Aggies at his defensive halfback position. Loves contact.

Jon Few—A two-year letterman, Jon comes from the football town of Midlothian. The blond-haired

senior has shown up nicely for the Aggies the last few games at his halfback position.

Randy Sims—The chunky, blond halfback from Houston (Austin) is noted mostly for his 52-yard field goal against Texas last fall. Randy is speedy for his size and has been known to be a "Saturday player." He is a three-year letterman.

Teddy Jack Estes—Formerly an end and converted to halfback this season, Teddy is one of the fastest men on the Aggie squad. The tall left-handed chunker hails from the Panhandle town of Olton. He is another three-year letterman.

Paul Piper—The 205-pound center from Brownwood is considered one of the best blockers on the team. Paul is a team comedian along with his roommate Bob Phillips. The two-year letterman does most of the deep punt snapping.

Carter Franklin—Carter is from Kerens and is being boomed for All-Southwest Conference by his

tremendous guard play this season. The 202-pound senior is a top student in PE. He plans to coach after graduation.

Wayne Labar—The short, stocky guard from the border town of Harlingen is another comedian. "Leeper" is noted for his "duck run," but also is a fine leader and competitor. Wayne has started most of this season at left guard and is a three-year letterman.

Bob Phillips—A top end who really came through last year. Started most of last year and this season at right end. Bob was not listed at the first of the season as a senior but it was found that he was "powder burned" his sophomore year while he was a full-back. Phillips played his high school ball at Tullosa-Midway with Aggie baseball player "Stuff" Davis.

Ralph Smith—The younger brother of former Aggie end, Don Smith, Ralph is a very consistent player at left end. Hails from the once powerful football town of

Phillips. He was injured in the SMU game, but is expected to see action against the Longhorns. Will earn his third letter this year.

Don McClelland—A letterman in 1957, and after a hitch with Uncle Sam, returned last spring to finish his eligibility. Don has been coming along nicely the last few games at his end position. Mac



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is one of two out-of-staters on the Aggie squad, hailing from Crowley, La.

Travis Nevill—The hard luck end from Bryan has been hampered by the past three seasons with injuries. Travis wears glasses off the field and has yet to letter, but has played an important part in the Aggie machine.



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A&M, Texas Renew Rivalry For 67th Time



Southwestern Champs

The Championship Aggie team of 1927 were small in number, but tough in combat as they compiled an 8-0-1 record. Their tie was a 0-0 contest with Texas Christian, and they beat the Texas Longhorns, 28-7. This year was Coach D.

X. Bible's ninth at A&M and his next to last. In Bible's 10-year reign, he always had more wins than losses when the season ended.

Ducks Destroy CHS Playoff Hopes

By RUSSELL BROWN

Taylor's high-flying Ducks stayed on the winning flight on Kyle Field Saturday night as the District 20-AA champions romped to their eleventh consecutive victory over the A&M Consolidated Tigers 32-14. The win gave the Ducks the right to advance to the Region V finals next Friday in Killeen against the undefeated, untied Gatesville powerhouse.

The stiff Tiger defense had their troubles against the lightning-fast Ducks. The winners bit off chunks of five to eight yards a try, using the speed of fullback Budgie Ford and left half Jan Mohel to score in every period and adding a two-point conversion each time. The Tigers of Coach Ed Logan didn't score until the last two periods, racking up two tal-

lies in a comeback bid, but the consistent offensive thrusts and three Tiger fumbles had done the damage.

Ford, all-stater last year as a junior, rolled for 176 yards in 25 carries while Mohel had 97 in 14 to pace the winners. Ford plunged for all four TD's on dives of two, five, one, and two yards as Mohel and right half Charles Patterson added a two-pointer apiece and quarterback Bill Davis had two conversions. The Ducks rolled up 350 yards rushing.

Fullback Frank Hagler rambled for 87 yards in 18 tries and soph Ozzie Burke added 44 in seven to pace the losers.

Taylor grabbed a 16-0 halftime lead with a tally in the first and second periods. A 33-yard punt set the Ducks on their own 24-

With Ford leading the way, the Ducks moved the 76 yards in 11 plays as Ford parted the Tiger forward wall for the final two yards with 1:28 left. Mohel added the two.

A fumble began the Ducks on the march in the second quarter as Elton Berry captured a Burke fumble on the Tiger 42 after the Tiger defense had held on the Consolidated two. Four plays later, Ford went five yards and Davis tacked on two more with two minutes to go before the half.

Taylor added one more eight-pointer on the scoreboard before the Tigers began to move. Burke bobbled again, and Berry was there again for the Ducks on the Tiger 23. The Quackers moved the distance in five plays with Ford cracking the final yard. Da-

vis added two more for a comfortable 24-0 margin.

With Russell Welch guiding the second unit, Burke and Frank Hagler joined with the junior signal caller for a 71-yard march after the kickoff. Hagler went the last three yards on a fourth down play. Welch's extra points pass went awry.

Taylor quickly retaliated in the final period as they moved to the Tiger 16 where they fumbled. Two plays later a Condy Pugh fumble gave the Ducks possession on the 13. Again in five plays Ford had the distance with a two-yarder. Patterson tacked on the final two. Jim McAfee, Jim Carroll, and Welch took the reins again for the Tigers who moved 64 yards in 11 plays with 1:28 to go. Burke added two points as Taylor ran out the clock for the 32-14 margin.

It had a modest beginning, this story did—back in the days when Grover Cleveland was President and Texas was a wild, sparsely settled prairie. It was called "Varsity vs. Agricultural and Mechanical" in 1894 when football drew its first halting breath in the Southwest, but today "Texas A&M vs. Texas" is enough to draw thousands of fans to see the renewal of a rivalry that is loaded with tears, turmoil and tradition.

The story of 67 years of football warfare between A&M and Texas is a long one and at times, not pleasant to relate. Riots, athletics break-offs and strained relations have played their part in the weaving of a rivalry along with the last-minute upsets that have helped make the game the No. 1 football spectacle in the Southwest.

The First Contest To recount the history of the Maroon vs. the Orange is to bring back Dick Todd, Bohn Hilliard, Joel Hunt, Jack Crain, Roswell Higginbotham, John Kimbrough, Jack Pardee, John Crow and Charlie Milstead, not to mention the host of teammates who have helped make the game a classic.

The curtain was first raised in 1894 in Houston when teams from the two schools met in a contest that was almost completely overlooked by the newspapers of the day. The "Varsity" scored a 38-0 win and, following a three-year lapse in relations, took the second game, 48-0 in 1898. Then followed a series of Texas victories that was finally broken in 1902 by the "Agricultural" squad. A&M cracked the ice with a vengeance in 1909, thumping Texas 23-0, and followed with wins of 5-0 and 14-13.

In 1911 an underdog Texas squad trimmed the Aggies 6-0 with a full-fledged riot breaking out after the game. The next

day A&M and Texas broke off all athletic relations.

This state of affairs lasted until the Southwest Conference was formed in 1915. In the first game in four years, A&M defeated Texas, 13-0.

Yelling and cheering sections were now the vogue, although the art of sports writing had come something less than a long way. From the files of The San Antonio Express of 1916 comes the following bizarre account of pre-game activities:

"Austin will be invaded tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day, by an army of 1,200 cadets and as many more cadet sympathizers from the Agricultural and Mechanical College, College Station and Bryan. The object of the attack is... the University of Texas and eleven husky warriors from the Agricultural College fight it out with eleven equally husky pigskin warriors from the Longhorn camp."

"The Agricultural and Mechanical team left (College Station) last night for Georgetown after the 'rousingest' mass meeting ever held at The Agricultural and Mechanical College. Tonight, on Kyle Field, the jinx which brought about the defeat of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at the hands of the Rice Owls will be burned and a funeral oration preached by "Dutch" Hohn, master orator of the College history. Yell leader Denning and assistants Allen and Forsythe will give their leather-lunged followers the final workout before Thursday's match and the formation to be staged between halves on Clark Field will be practiced.

"This is to be a busy week for the cadets. On Friday night, the Thanksgiving Ball, honoring the football team, will be given at Sbis Hall.

Such was the setting for the battle in 1916, but an Aggie team with a record of 6-2 fell to the Longhorns, 21-7.

The Aggies defeated Texas 7-0 in the 1917 contest to post an undefeated record and take their first Southwest Conference title.

In 1918-19 the score was 7-0 in both games, with each team adding a win to its list.

Upset-minded Texas defeated the Aggies 7-3 in 1920 and scored the first touchdown that had been scored on the Cadets in two years. 1921 produced a 0-0 tie, while A&M took a 14-7 victory the following year.

The 1922 game was won by the Aggies, 14-7, with the aid of a monstrous 484-yard ground attack.

Kyle Field Defeat Texas' first victory on Kyle Field came in 1923, with the Aggies falling, 6-0.

The following year, at the formal opening of Memorial Stadium, the Longhorns emerged victorious by a score of 7-0.

The Aggies then came roaring back to hand Texas a 23-0 licking. In 1927-28 the two teams swapped out, with Texas winning in '27 and the Cadets taking the '28 game.

The Longhorns' championship team took the Aggies 10-0 in 1929, but in 1930 the Cadets bounced back for a 13-0 win.

From 1931-33 the Aggies only won one tie, which hadn't been characteristic in the past see-saw seasons.

1933 brought a hair-raising 10-10 tie between the two foes.

In 1934-35 the two teams played swap-out, as each took home a victory.

The 1936 Aggies, highly favored, nevertheless lost a 7-0 decision to Texas.

A&M won a battle of goal-line stands in 1937, staving off Texas' last efforts to take a 7-0 decision.

In 1938 the Ags went down again, 7-6, to an underdog team. But in 1939, the Cadet national champions made shambles of the Longhorns, 20-0.

From 1940 to 1950 the Aggies

couldn't break the Texas jinx and were on the short end of the score every year, except in 1948, when the two squads battled to a 14-14 tie.

In 1951 the Aggies overpowered the Longhorns 22-21 in an action-filled battle in College Station. The 1952 season didn't prove to be a very successful one for the Aggies. They won three, lost six and tied one and were outscored by one of Texas' best teams, 32-12.

In 1953 an improving Cadet team, which finished with a record of 4-5-1, fell to Texas, 21-12.

1954 brought the Aggies the worst season since 1948 as they managed to win only one game. This year the Longhorns walked off with a 22-14 verdict.

In 1955 the Aggies won seven, lost two and tied one, but still were outmanned by the persistent Longhorns.

TU Downed in Memorial 1956 found Jack Pardee a senior and John Crow a junior. The Aggies racked up nine wins, one tie and beat the Longhorns 34-21 in Memorial Stadium. This was the first time A&M had beaten Texas in Memorial Stadium and also the last time the Cadets have licked Texas. A&M won eight and lost three in 1957 and were chosen to play in the Gator Bowl.

Texas won by one point that year on a last-minute field goal.

In 1958 under a new coach, Jim Myers, the Cadets were dumped 27-0 by Texas.

Then last year, SWC tri-champ Texas was forced to come from behind three times to subdue the stubborn Aggies, 20-17, in a game that saw Charlie Milstead almost pass the Longhorns into submission.

So there is the story of the Aggie-TU annual football contest. In many instances, upsets have prevailed, and nothing could top this year, with only one win and three ties on the Cadet slate, more than an upset of the highly regarded Longhorns.